(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Clearance to environmental projects in Assam

382. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects from Assam Government for getting environmental clearance pending with the Central Government;

(b) the details.of specific reasons for delay in giving the environmental clearance, project-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) There are no projects of Government of Assam pending for environmental clearance.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Illegal encroachments on forests land

383. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been number of cases reported of illegal encroachments on forests lands in the country, despite Supreme Court order issued in 1996;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Government to tackle this problem;

(c) whether the.Government realize this as the main cause of animal species becoming extinct; and

(d) if so, what plan Government would draw to tackle this problem in future?